Remarks

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

Group I Claims 1-5, 8, 9, and 20 drawn to a method of treating a viral disease by administering interferon-tau;

Group II Claims 21-28 drawn to a method of treating a condition associated with cellular proliferation by administering interferon-tau; and

Group III Claims 29-36 drawn to a method of treating an inflammatory disease by administering interferon-tau.

In response, the applicants elect Group I without traverse. Non-elected claims 21-36 have been canceled.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4402.

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